(a) whether Government had convened a meeting of Chief Ministers of States last year to formulate a new tourism policy;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision to convene another such meeting this year too;

(c) whether Government have finalised the draft tourism policy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said policy is likely to be finalised/approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Conference of Chief Ministers and State Tourism Ministers has already been held on 30th October, 2001 to discuss and obtain the views of the State Govrnments/UT Administrations on Draft National Tourism Policy.

(c) and (d) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has obtained the views of the State Governments/UT Administrations on Draft National Tourism Policy. The new Tourism Policy is in the process of finalisation.

Ornaments and Valuables Stolen from Various Temples

3018. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ornaments and other valuables worth crores of rupees have been stolen from temples and other protected sites during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of ornaments/valuables stolen from these temples/protected sites; and

(c) what steps the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is contemplating to recover the valuables already stolen from these sites?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Some ornaments and antiquities have been stolen from temples and other sites protected by the Archaeological Survey of India during the last one year. The details of the stolen items and the action taken are given in the Statement.

Statement

DETAILS OF STOLEN ORNAMENTS AND OTHER VALUABLES FROM THE PROTECTED SITES AND TEMPLES DURING THE LAST ONE YEAR FROM DECEMBER, 2000 TO NOVEMBER, 2001

Sl. No	Name of the State	Name of the Monument/Site & the district	Description of the objects	Date of theft	Status of the Case	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Sh. Bharanarayana-swamy Temple, Bapatla, Distt. Guntur	Lime-stone pillar	4th-5th February, 2001	FIR lodged	
2.	Bihar	Jain Temple, Vaibhav Hills, Rajgir	Standing Statue of Mahavir (Two) and Parasvanath	15th-16th August, 2001	-do-	Out of three one (Mahavira) has been recovered
3.	Gujarat	Open Sky Museum, Patan	Standing Ganesha & Brahma with his consort	09.10.2001	-do-	
4.	Karnataka	Hampi, Distt. Bellary	Hand of Sasivekalu Ganesa.	09.07.2001	-do-	
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Mithaj Mata Temple, Terahi, Distt. Shivpuri,	Ganesha	15th-16th September 2001	-do-	
6.	Orissa	Lingaraj Temple, Bhubaneswar	Some ornaments silver objects and utensils.	5th November, 2001	-do-	
7.	-do-	Jagannath Temple, Puri	Idols of Madan Mohan and Narayan	11th November, 2001	-do-	Idols of Madan Mohan recovered
8.	Rajasthan	Ancient Ruins Kalyanpur, Distt. Udaipur	Three stone sculptures	21st-22nd December, 2000	-do-	
9.	Tamil Nadu	Fort Museum, Chennai	Five medals	16th July, 2001	-do-	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	Uttaranchal	Shiva Temple, Lok Samvedal, Distt. Dehradun	Uma Maheshwar (two) and Mahisasur Mardani	24th-25th February, 2001	-do-	
11.	West Bengal	Lalji Temple Complex, Kalna Distt. Burdwan.	Idol of Gopal	25th August, 2001	Recovered	

Delhi as Tourist Friendly City

3019. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourists visit only in a holistic perspective;

(b) whether it is also a fact that we are lagging behind in inflow of tourists and even smaller countries are much ahead of us;

(c) if so, what are the figures of tourist inflow during the last three years; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make Delhi a tourist-friendly-city especially for foreigners?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes; by and large.

(b) During the year 2000, India received less number of tourists as compared to the countries like Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

(c) 2.36 million, 2.48 million and 2.64 million foreign tourists visited India in 1998, 1999 and 2000 respectively.

(d) Various steps taken by the Government to make Delhi a tourist friendly city include installation of signages at important monuments, installation of Touch Screen Kiosks to get ready access to information at various tourist places and installation of tourist guidance system "HARK" at Red Fort. A project on "Remote Presence" to enable a tourist to have a complete video view as seen from the top of the Qutub Minar has also been completed Festivals